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National Intelligence Daily Cable for Monday, June 21, 1976

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[REDACTED] The NID Cable is for the purpose of informing senior US officials.

LEBANON

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[REDACTED] The 279 US and foreign nationals who were evacuated safely from Beirut Sunday morning with the cooperation of Fatah units are en route to Athens aboard the USS Spiegel Grove; they are expected to arrive late today.

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[REDACTED] Another British road convoy, scheduled to leave for Damascus yesterday, was postponed because of renewed fighting south of Beirut.

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[REDACTED] Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmi has credited the success of the US evacuation to Fatah's "sense of responsibility" in safeguarding foreign nationals. He praised the close contacts between Fatah leaders and the US charge in Beirut in working out the arrangements.

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[REDACTED] Soviet reporting on the evacuation has been confined to a Tass dispatch from Washington. The report was devoid of comment and highlighted the fact that "unarmed" US vessels were used and that the PLO had given "guarantees" to assure the safety of the evacuees.

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[REDACTED] The US embassy in Beirut reports that the current situation suggests both sides are preparing for increased fighting. The Syrians are said to be expanding their positions south of Ayn Sawfar on the road to Damascus. The Palestinians evidently are mining roads and positioning missile launchers in the path of the Syrians.

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Peacekeeping Force

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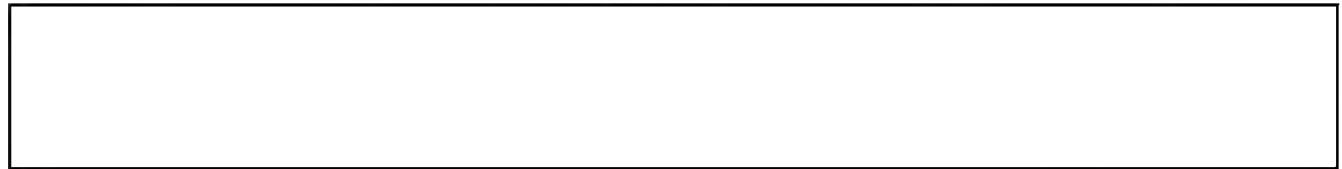
[redacted] Despite the efforts of Arab League Secretary General Mahmud Riad to get an Arab peacekeeping force into Lebanon, many of the countries involved continue to drag their feet. Both Yasir Arafat and Libyan Prime Minister Jallud have called for a meeting of the Arab League foreign ministers to speed up the operation.

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[redacted] Riad announced yesterday that the permanent representatives of the Arab League had been invited to meet in Cairo Wednesday to discuss the crisis.

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[redacted] At a press conference in Damascus on Sunday, Riad spoke optimistically of having a 1,000-man pan-Arab force in Beirut by the end of this week, to be followed by a second-stage movement of Arab forces elsewhere in Lebanon. 25X1



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SYRIA-IRAQ

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[redacted] Arafat's visit to Baghdad is the latest stop on a three-week tour of Arab capitals that has included visits to Cairo, Tripoli, and the Gulf states. He is attempting to get an Arab League peacekeeping force installed in Lebanon. Baghdad presumably is urging the other Arabs to convene another meeting of the Arab League foreign ministers to expedite the operation.

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[redacted] Arafat fears that Syria plans to intensify its military attacks in the vicinity of Beirut. His apprehensions may grow now that the US evacuation operation has been completed.

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[redacted] The fedayeen are concerned that Damascus will feel that the US move has cleared the way for more forceful Syrian military action. Radical Palestinians have for some time alleged that the US and Syria are cooperating in an anti-Palestinian campaign in Lebanon.

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JAMAICA

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[redacted] The state of emergency imposed by Jamaican Prime Minister Manley on Saturday will probably be directed primarily against the opposition Jamaica Labor Party.

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[redacted] Manley ordered security forces "to arrest and detain all persons whose activities are likely to endanger the public safety." Press reports indicate that several opposition leaders have already been arrested.

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[redacted] In a brief statement, Manley attributed his action to the need to combat spiraling violence and resulting economic decline.

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[redacted] Gang warfare between armed supporters of the two political parties has turned the slums of Kingston into a battle zone, and crime is rampant. Last week, the Peruvian ambassador was killed in an apparent robbery attempt.

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[redacted] Manley's reference to "false allegations" and "rumor mongering" detrimental to the government may have been directed at the US. He has charged repeatedly in recent weeks that the US is engaging in a campaign to "destabilize" Jamaica.

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[redacted] Manley asserted that the state of emergency will not interfere with the national elections that must be held before next spring. He seemed to imply, however, that it will remain in force at least until then. He made little effort to allay fears that it will be enforced in a partisan manner.

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[redacted] Recent changes among the top commanders of the military and constabulary have brought those forces more under the control of Manley's People's National Party. Additional reassessments, including the promotion of left-wing members of the party to top posts in both services, may now be in the offing. [redacted]

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FRANCE-UK

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[redacted] //French President Giscard begins a four-day visit to London tomorrow. He wants to ease strains that grew out of the UK's renegotiation of its EC membership and the cool relations that existed between Giscard and former UK prime minister Wilson.//

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[redacted] //No important agreements are expected, but Giscard and British Prime Minister Callaghan may reach an understanding that would pave the way for a solution of the troublesome problem

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of direct elections to the European Parliament. Other likely topics for discussion are energy, the Puerto Rico summit next weekend, the mid-July European Council meeting, and recent French defense pronouncements.//

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[redacted] //The UK and France have a wide range of active working-level contacts, but for some time now the lack of rapport at the highest level has blocked progress on improving bilateral relations. Officials in London hope that the visit will lead to better relations that will facilitate top-level decision-making.//

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[redacted] //By smoothing over rough edges in France's relations with the UK, Giscard may be hoping to balance the recent irritations between Paris and Bonn. [redacted]

GREECE-TURKEY

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[redacted] Greek and Turkish negotiators apparently had little success last week in easing Aegean-related tensions between their countries.

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[redacted] A two-day session in Bern devoted to conflicting claims over Aegean mineral rights ended yesterday. A Turkish spokesman said after the meeting that there had been no progress. He did say that the two sides would meet again in three or four months.

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[redacted] Separate talks were held in Paris earlier last week to discuss differences over control of Aegean airspace. Excerpts of a communique issued after the talks stated only that the meeting had been useful and that another round would be held in the near future. [redacted]

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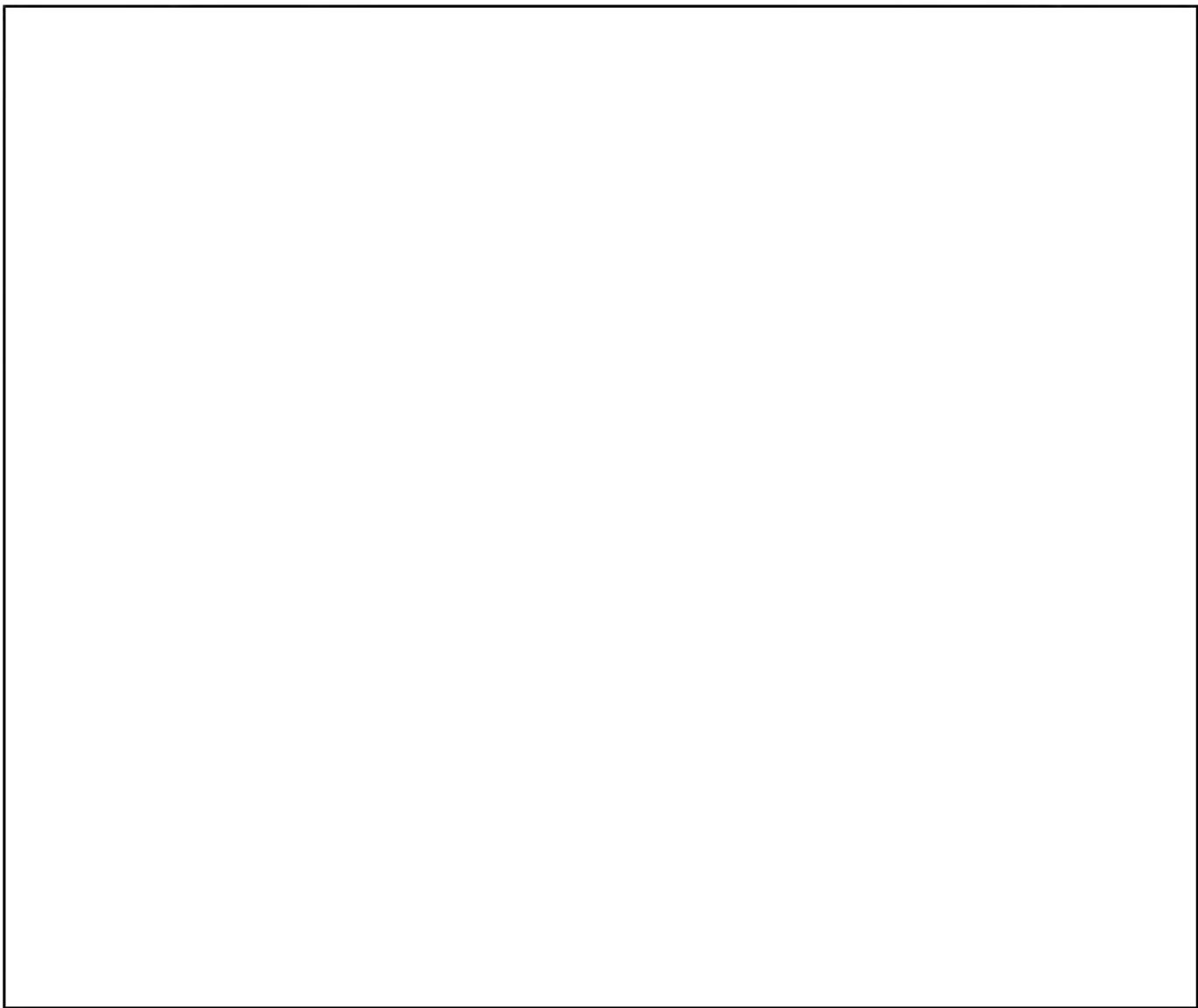
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SOUTH AFRICA

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[redacted] No serious outbreaks of urban racial violence have been reported in South Africa since Friday evening, and the government's country-wide ban on sympathy demonstrations seems to have taken hold. Casualties in the clashes probably exceeded 100 deaths and 1,000 injured.

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[redacted] Prime Minister Vorster's European trip is proceeding on schedule. He arrived in West Germany yesterday and is to meet with Secretary Kissinger on Wednesday.

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[REDACTED] On Saturday, the UN Security Council passed a resolution by consensus that condemned the South African government for resorting to massive violence against the black population, recognized the legitimacy of the struggle against apartheid, and called on Pretoria to take urgent steps toward eliminating racial discrimination. [REDACTED]

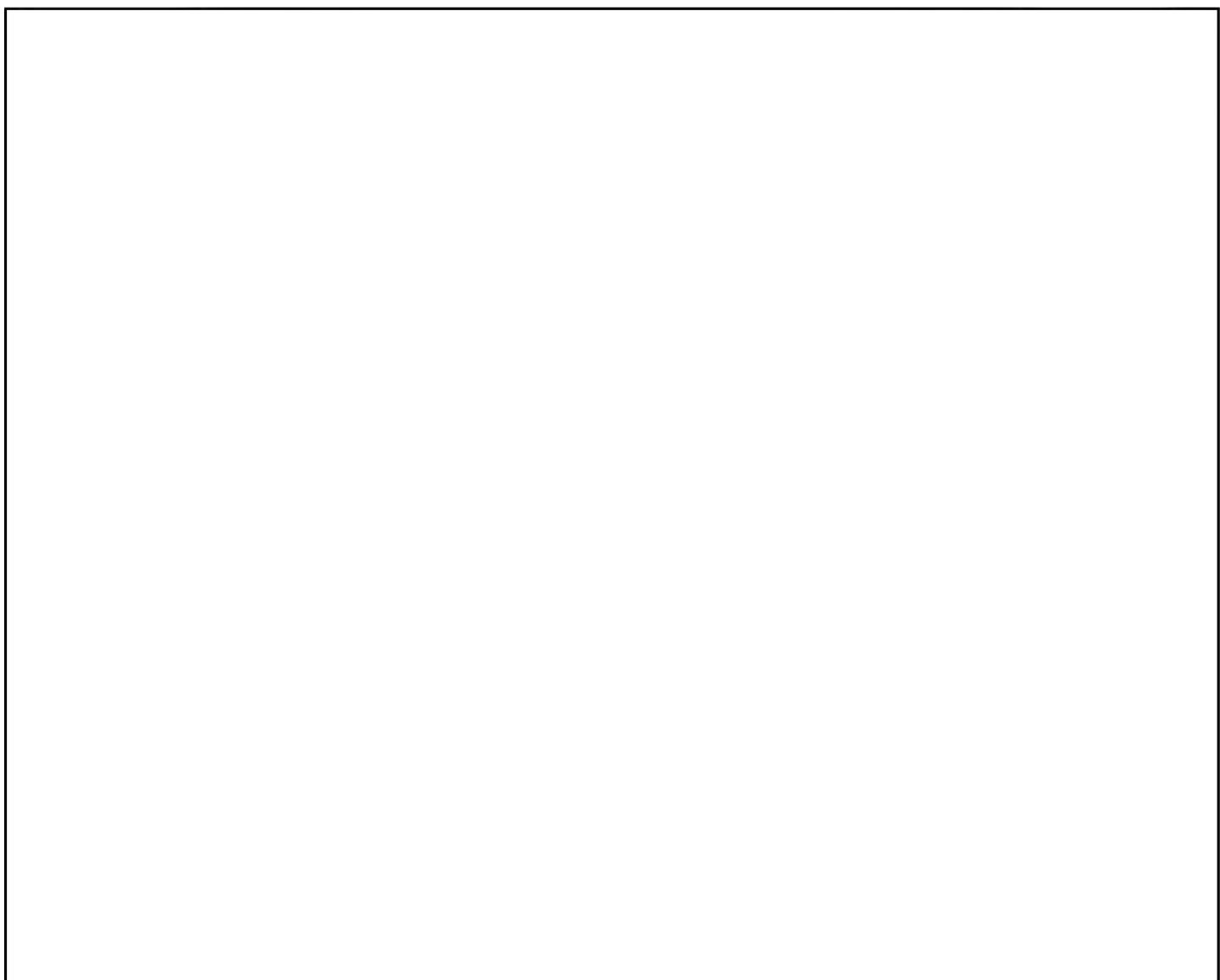
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SOUTH KOREA

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[redacted] //South Korea is doing well replenishing its foreign financial credit lines, particularly in Western Europe. Many of its old credit lines had been exhausted by \$2-billion current account deficits in 1974 and 1975.//

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[redacted] //The UK has pledged to replenish Korea's sterling credit line when the current commitments are drawn down. France,

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Belgium, and Italy have agreed to help finance construction of two nuclear power plants, although work is unlikely to start before 1980.//

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//The UK and France will send official missions to South Korea this fall to discuss financial assistance for other development projects. The World Bank has informally pledged more than \$1.5 billion in new credits through 1981, according to South Korean officials. In the first four months of this year, Seoul tapped the Eurocurrency market for \$193 million in commercial credits.//

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//In part, Seoul's increased reliance on West European official and commercial credits reflects South Korea's belief that the US Export-Import Bank will be less generous in the future with official new credits. In the past, US sources have supplied 40 percent of South Korean capital requirements.//

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//We estimate that Seoul will need roughly \$2 billion a year in new credits through 1980 to fulfill its development goals. Its early rebound from its economic difficulties of 1974 and 1975 has impressed international bankers. Nonetheless, Seoul must continue its high growth rate to maintain creditor confidence. [redacted]

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ARGENTINA

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[redacted] Indications of dissatisfaction in the Argentine military with President Videla are becoming more prevalent, but there is as yet no concerted effort to drive him from office.

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[redacted] Some of the criticism of the President and his advisers is probably little more than routine carping. Some of it, however, reflects a fundamental difference with the President's approach, especially his reluctance to take a much tougher line on a broad front of national problems. The appeal of these hard-line critics may increase over time.

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[redacted] Their basic criticism is that Videla has not moved strongly enough against the politicians and labor leaders who were responsible--in these officers' eyes--for leading Argentina to economic and political chaos. In effect, the hardliners are calling for a political system in which most, if not all, civilians would be denied a substantial voice in government.

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[redacted] The hardliners do not dominate any of the services, but some occupy key positions and their activities are causing problems for Videla. The vigilante-style tactics being employed against known or suspected leftists are widely thought to be the work of impatient security and police officers disgusted with the President's gradualist approach to the problem. Some high officials are probably in sympathy with these tactics.

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US-POLAND

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[redacted] The Polish parliamentary delegation that will visit the White House on Monday will be led by Ryszard Frelek, one of party chief Gierek's closest advisers. He is the highest ranking figure that Poland will send to the US during the bicentennial year.

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[redacted] As the party secretary for foreign affairs, Frelek chairs the parliamentary commission on foreign relations. He is probably Gierek's right-hand man in foreign policy matters.

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[redacted] Frelek has often acted as the advance man for Gierek's trips, including the Polish leader's visit to the US in October 1974.

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[redacted] Frelek has demonstrated on frequent occasions his willingness to talk candidly with Americans about Polish domestic and foreign policies. He does not take a doctrinaire position on issues. [redacted]

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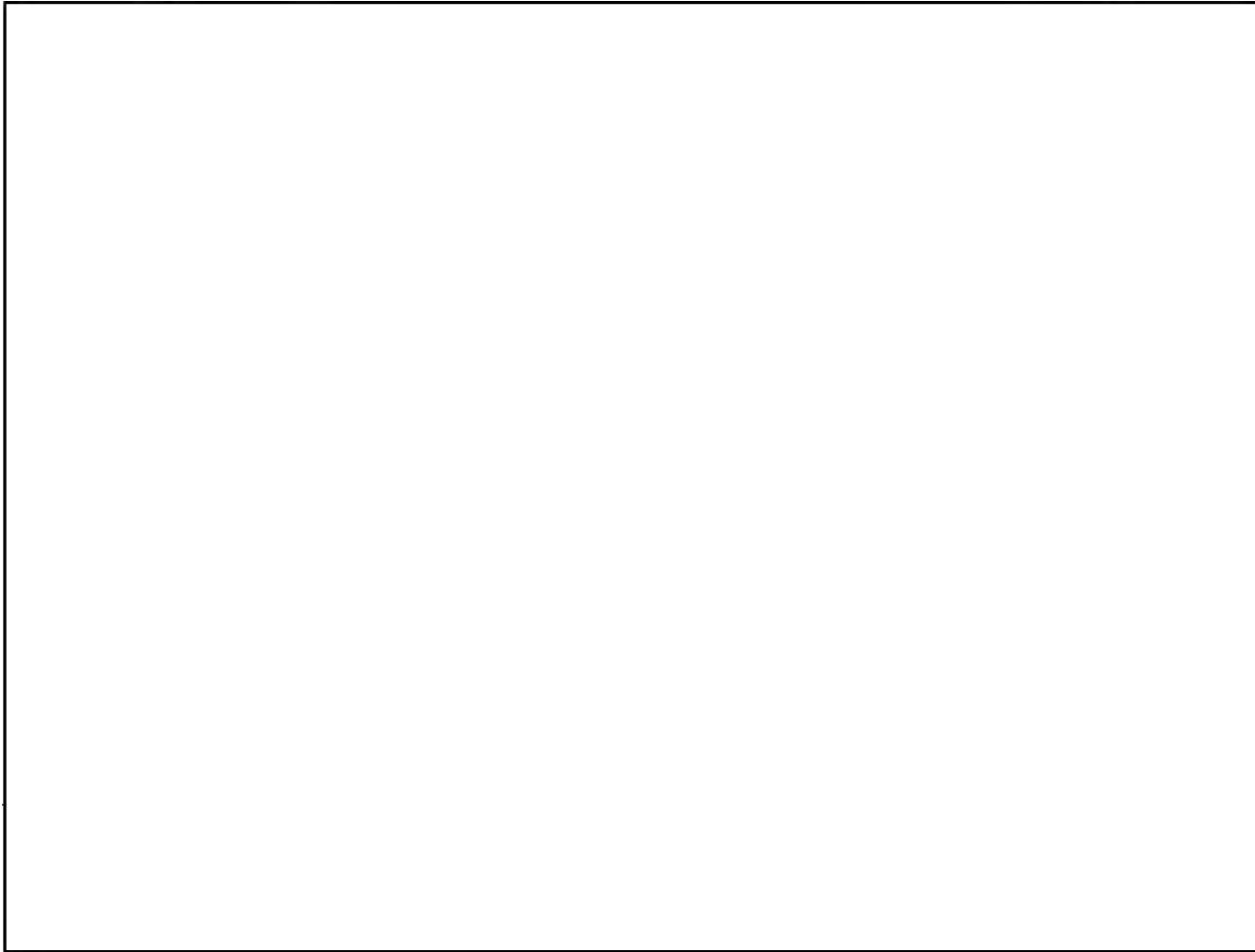
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Socialist leader Soares is laying the groundwork for reorienting Portuguese foreign policy by putting an end to the third-world approach of Foreign Minister Antunes and turning more attention toward Europe and the West.

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As part of the policy reorientation, the Socialists hope to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel within the next year or so. Israel maintains a consular representative in Lisbon, but Portugal is not represented in Tel Aviv. Foreign Minister Antunes has played to the Arabs; he supported the Zionism/racism resolution in the UN despite differences in the Lisbon government.

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[redacted] The Socialists have already sent a delegation to Tel Aviv to talk about improving relations on both the party and official levels. Socialist leaders will move gradually to avoid opposition from within the Portuguese military and the left wing of their own party.

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[redacted] //Soares, who is more comfortable as a diplomat than an administrator, is apparently reluctant to come to grips with Portugal's economic difficulties. He says it is impossible to develop an economic program until the new government takes office, but his reluctance may stem in part from an awareness that decisive action will almost certainly stir up serious opposition.// [redacted]

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